4X - Special callsigns 4X13AR and 4Z13AR will be in use on 10-26 May during the 13th edition of the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition. Look for activity on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via 4Z5NS. [TNX Southgate ARC]

9M2 - Vlad, RA9LR plans to be active as 9M2/RA9LR from Langkawi Island (AS-058) between mid-May and mid-July. He plans to operate PSK, RTTY, CW and some SSB. [TNX DX World]

9N - Sam, K0YAK is active in his spare time as 9N7AK from Nepal (http://9n7ak.wordpress.com) until 4 July, while on work assignment at the US Embassy in Kathmandu. Activity is on 20 to 10 metres SSB and PSK31. QSL to home call.

F - Special callsign TM90LH will be in use again on 14-15 May, 4-5 June and 9-10 July to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Societe Havraise de Telegraphie Sans Fil (F6KOH), one of the oldest amateur radio clubs in France. [TNX F8REF]

FJ - Wim, OS1T (ON4CIT) will be active as FJ/OS1T from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) on 14-22 May. He will operate mainly SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres, with a focus on 6 metres when conditions allow. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. QSLling instructions and further information at http://cendyshop.be/FJ-OS1T.html [TNX islandchaser.com]

G - Ricky G0LZX, Paul G0WRE and Kev M0TNX will be active as GB0HI from Holy/Lindisfarne Island (EU-120) from about 5 UTC on 14 May until about 5 UTC on the 15th. Plans are to operate SSB with some digital modes and CW, on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15, plus 6m if conditions allow. QSL via M0OXO (see www.m0oxo.com for instructions). [TNX M0TNX]

I - Ezio IK2AHB, Diego IW2MZX, Andrea IZ2AJE, Enzo IZ2GLU and Fabio IZ2GMT will be active on the HF bands and possibly 6m as IG9E from Lampedusa Island (AF-019) on 18-23 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (PSK31 and RTTY) with three stations. QSL via IK2AHB, direct or bureau. Log search at www.vbdxc.altervista.org [TNX IZ2GMT]

JX - JX5O is the new, special callsign issued for the 6-14 July operation from Jan Mayen [425DXN 1043]. The team now includes HB9ASZ, NI1L, SM0MDG, SQ8X, SQ9C, SQ9DIE, SV2KBS and TF3ZA. Further information can be found on the expedition's website (http://janmayen2011.org/) [TNX SQ8X]

LZ - Special station LZ2011KM is active on all bands and modes until 31 May to celebrate St. Kiril and Methodius' Day. QSL via LZ1BJ (bureau preferred). [TNX LZ1BJ]

SV5 - The "DX Plus" Hellenic Amateur Radio Team will operate CW, SSB and digital modes as SX5F from Farmakonisi (EU-001) on 14-22 May. QSL via bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]
VK9L - The VK9HR expedition to Lord Howe (OC-004), originally scheduled to take place on 8-17 July [425DXN 1041], has been postponed to 23 July-2 August so that the team will be able to participate in the IOTA Contest. The website for the expedition is at www.lordhowe2011.com

W - Lighthouse special event station W3P will be operating from the annual Waterfront Festival at the Piney Point Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-601) on 14 May from 14 until 20 UTC. Look for activity on 40, 20 and 17 metres SSB and PSK31. QSL via KA3UNQ (direct). [TNX KA3UNQ]

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AEGEAN RTTY CONTEST ---> The second edition of the Aegean RTTY Contest will be held from 12 UTC on 21 May through 12 UTC on the 22nd. Complete information can be found on the Aegean DX Group's web site (www.aegeandxgroup.gr, click on "contest") of from the Contest manager Alexander Karpathiou, SV8CYR (sv8cyr[@]gmail.com). [TNX SV8CYV]

AUSTRIA: POSTAL RATES ---> Postal rates in Austria raised on 1 May. The new prices for standard letter items up to 20 grams sent by Priority Mail are EUR 0.70 for destinations within Europe and EUR 1.70 for the rest of the world.

DXCC NEWS ---> 4A4A (Revillagigedo, 2011 operation) has been approved for DXCC credit.

QSL 4UITU, 4U1UN & D44TOI ---> Get your missing QSLs for QSOs with 4UITU, 4U1UN and D44TOI (2009 and 2010) at the Swiss DX Foundation's booth at Hamradio 2011 (Friedrichshafen) on 24-25 June. Bring your QSO data with you and observe the working hours of the QSL manager (to be available at the booth). [TNX HB9BOU]

QSL 9M6JC ---> As of 18 April, Buzz (NI5DX) is no longer the QSL manager for 9M6JC. John has decided to handle the QSL duty himself. [TNX The Golist]

QSL EU-094 ---> All of the contacts made by F/ON6DP/p, F/ON7PC/p and F/ON4LRG/p on 9-10 April from St Nicolas Island (EU-094) have been confirmed automatically via the bureau. Direct cards are via home call. [TNX ON6DP]

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Thirteen different galleries include cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (333 QSLs), the 58 deleted DXCC entities (1257 QSLs), obsolete prefixes (3327 QSLs), stations from Magreb from 1947 to 1962 (372 QSLs), D5 and DL5 stations from 1945 to 1962 (62 QSLs), Antarctic bases (827 QSLs) & TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises, 264 QSLs), the various French DXCC island Entities in the
Pacific Ocean (338 QSLs) & the Indian Ocean (97 QSLs), pre-1945 countries (1183 QSLs), French Departments (675 QSLs) and CONUS (200 QSLs), plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC (126 QSLs). Several cards are still and your participation is encouraged – please visit www.LesNouvellesdx.fr and send your comments to lesnouvellesdx[@]free.fr [TNX F6AJA]

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Ken, G3OCA offers his services as a QSL Manager for any station in need (particularly IOTA expeditions). Both bureau and direct cards accepted. He can be contacted at g3ocal[@]ntlworld.com

QSL VIA EB7DX & EA7FTR ---> Owing to a serious health problem in their family, David, EB7DX and his father Francisco, EA7FTR expect to be "a little slower" than usual in processing QSL requests for the stations they manage. Please be patient. [TNX EB7DX]

T6PSE CANCELLED ---> Given the current circumstances, and with careful consideration, the team has decided to cancel their plans for a DXpedition from Afghanistan. "There is just too much uncertainty in the region for us to continue to move forward with our plans", Paul N6PSE says. "In the next several weeks, I will refund all donor/sponsor monies that have been given to support our plans". See www.intrepid-dx.com for the press release dated 2 May.

TOP LISTS ---> The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html. QSOs confirmed through LoTW or included in on-line logs are eligible for listing. Send send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow[@]fastwebnet.it)

+ SILENT KEYS + A Charter member and the first President of the North Jersey DX Association, Benjamin H. Stevenson (W2BXA) passed away on 5 May at 97 years of age. He had a total of 390 DXCC Entities, and obtained the first CQ WAZ and the first Satellite DXCC. Other recently reported Silent Keys include Vakhtang "Vakho" Sakhokia (4L5T, ex-UF6DG), Kesang Namgyel (A51KC), Sydney Sefton (G3ZBA), Ray Forrester (K4RRF), Aleksej A. Starkov (UA1BX) and George Wesley Johnston (W6YWH).

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******* QSL  ROUTES  *******
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CALL        MANAGER     CALL        MANAGER     CALL        MANAGER
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3A2CWG      3A2LF       EV25G       EW8OG       OG0I        OH2TA
3A5DG       3A2LS       EV25M       EW8OM       OH0I        OH3BHL
3Z100MSC    SP8AQA      EY8DX       UA4LCH      OL100VP     OK1DRQ
3Z55JNK     SQ1PSE      FG4NO       F4AVX       OL2011VP    OK1DRQ
4F9HXB      DL5SDF      FM1HN       NI5DX       OL950CHEB   OK1KWN
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